

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RACHEL MARIE WHITTED  
(#1212277), aka Ralph Whitted,

Case No. 3:21-cv-00110-MMD-CLB

**ORDER**

Plaintiff

v.

DUNBAR,

Defendant

**I. DISCUSSION**

On March 4, 2021, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections (“NDOC”), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. (ECF No. 1-1). Plaintiff has neither paid the full \$402 filing fee for this matter nor filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

- (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this Court’s approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate’s two signatures on page 3),
- (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court’s approved form), and
- (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**.

The Court will grant Plaintiff a **one-time** opportunity to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing all three of the required documents, or in the alternative, pay the full \$402 filing fee for this action on or before **May 4, 2021**. Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time.

1 If Plaintiff is unable to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis*  
 2 with all three required documents or pay the full \$402 filing fee on or before **May 4, 2021**,  
 3 this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with  
 4 the Court when Plaintiff is either able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file  
 5 a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

6 A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the  
 7 case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents  
 8 needed to submit with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff  
 9 may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the  
 10 full filing fee of \$402 on or before **May 4, 2021** to proceed with this case.

11 The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court  
 12 will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application  
 13 to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

## 14 **II. CONCLUSION**

15 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send  
 16 Plaintiff the approved form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well  
 17 as the document entitled information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis*  
 18 application.

19 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **May 4, 2021**, Plaintiff will either pay  
 20 the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52  
 21 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

22 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this  
 23 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two  
 24 signatures on page 3),

25 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail  
 26 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and

27 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**  
 28 **previous six-month period.**

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete  
2 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402  
3 filing fee for a civil action on or before **May 4, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal  
4 without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number,  
5 when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to proceed  
6 *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint  
8 (ECF No.1-1) but will not file it at this time.

9 DATED: March 5, 2021

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